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**SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY
REGISTERED UNIT STANDARD:**

Handle and use a handgun for business purposes

SAQA US ID	UNIT STANDARD TITLE		
123515	Handle and use a handgun for business purposes		
SGB NAME		REGISTERING PROVIDER	
SGB Security			
FIELD		SUBFIELD	
Field 08 - Law, Military Science and Security		Safety in Society	
ABET BAND	UNIT STANDARD TYPE	NQF LEVEL	CREDITS
Undefined	Regular	Level 4	3
REGISTRATION STATUS	REGISTRATION START DATE	REGISTRATION END DATE	SAQA DECISION NUMBER
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PURPOSE OF THE UNIT STANDARD

This unit standard applies to persons who will, through the application of knowledge of the current legislation, carry, handle, shoot and maintain a handgun for business purposes.

A person credited with this unit standard will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of safe handling principles in a business environment.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the mechanical functioning of the handgun.
- Operate a handgun in a business environment.
- Demonstrate knowledge of handgun use under adverse conditions.

LEARNING ASSUMED TO BE IN PLACE AND RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

- Communication at NQF level 02.
- It is further assumed that the following unit standards relating to the handgun have been completed before attempting this unit standard:
> 117705 and 119649. (If these unit standards have not been completed, they must be completed before continuing with this unit standard).

UNIT STANDARD RANGE

N/A

UNIT STANDARD OUTCOME HEADER

N/A

Specific Outcomes and Assessment Criteria:

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 1

Demonstrate knowledge of safe handling principles in a business environment.

OUTCOME RANGE

Safe handling principles must include:

- Safe direction.
- Load to a safe carry condition.
- Unload and or make safe.
- Range safety rules.
- Personal protection equipment (PPE).
- Safe maintenance.
- Safety catch.
- Safety precautions.
- Range commands.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1

A safe direction is described in different environments.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Different environments must include office buildings, parking areas, shopping malls, crowded areas and vehicles.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2

Safety precautions are demonstrated with the handgun in a controlled scenario.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Safety precautions must include unloading and or making the handgun safe and when to carry out safety precautions.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3

Handgun is loaded to a safe carry condition and holstered in accordance with prescribed safety procedures and legal requirements.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 4

The operation of the safety device is demonstrated in a manner applicable to that particular device.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION NOTES

Where the handgun has a manually operated, or external safety feature, the learner is to demonstrate how it works.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 5

The importance of personal protection equipment (PPE) is explained in the context of indoor and outdoor shooting ranges.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

PPE must include both eye and ear protection applicable to the shooting range used.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 6

Range commands are understood and adhered to during practical assessment and shooting exercises.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 7

A safety inspection applicable to the handgun is demonstrated to ensure the handgun has been maintained in working order.

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 2

Demonstrate knowledge of the mechanical functioning of the handgun.

OUTCOME RANGE

Mechanical functioning includes:

- Parts and functions.
- Mechanical function of the handgun.
- Mechanical malfunctions.
- Components of a cartridge.
- Cartridge firing sequence.
- Cartridge malfunctions.
- Correction of malfunctions.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1**

Visible parts of an assembled handgun are identified in terms of parts and functions.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2

Functions of the main parts of the handgun are explained in terms of the barrel and the action.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

The action of a handgun refers to the moving parts and mechanical functioning of the handgun.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3

Basic components of a handgun cartridge are identified in terms of their characteristics and application.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Basic components must include:

- Bullet.
- Propellant and or powder.
- Case.
- Primer.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 4

The cartridge firing sequence is explained in terms of how a cartridge functions.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 5

Firearm and ammunition malfunctions are identified and corrective action is implemented while applying safe handling principles.

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 3

Operate a handgun in a business environment.

OUTCOME RANGE

The term operate also refers to the handling and use of a handgun.

Operate refers to:

- Fundamentals.
- Body positions.
- Barricades.
- Immediate action drills (IAD).
- Point of aim.
- Rapid reload.
- Practical shooting.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1

Fundamentals of handgun shooting are demonstrated to provide a stable shooting platform for firing a handgun.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Fundamentals will include but is not limited to grip, stance and aiming.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2

Body positions are demonstrated to provide a stable shooting platform for firing a handgun.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Body positions must include, but is not limited to, standing and kneeling.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3

The ability to apply a standing and kneeling stance is demonstrated with a handgun while taking cover behind a barricade.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 4

An immediate action drill (IAD) applicable to the handgun being used is demonstrated while applying safe handling principles.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Immediate action drill (IAD) must include, but is not limited to checking the magazine is inserted and working properly, removing the faulty cartridge and chambering a new round and re-acquiring a sight picture.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 5

The recommended point of aim when using a handgun for business purposes is explained in the context of centre body mass.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION NOTES

It must be born in mind that the "target" in most cases will be human when using a handgun for business purposes.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Point of aim refers to that part of the target at which you will aim.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 6

A rapid reload is demonstrated while maintaining a safe muzzle direction and with the finger off the trigger.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Rapid reload refers to a magazine change or cylinder refill.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 7

Target is hit accurately with control of bullet impact and accountability for every shot fired.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Accurately means all shots fired must appear on the target. The term accountability refers to the accuracy of the shots fired. I.e. the learner must be able to account for every shot fired. The handgun may be fired with two hands, but may not be dead-rested.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 8

Proficiency in the use of a handgun for business purposes is demonstrated in 3 controlled scenarios.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Controlled scenarios must include the following scenarios:

Controlled Scenario 1 (for semi-automatic pistol)

The pistol is presented from the holster and five rounds are fired, a magazine change is completed and five more rounds are fired. All ten rounds must be fired in a time of 20 seconds.

Notes:

- Distance to target must be 7m.
- Any standing stance may be used.
- The target size must be A4.
- The scenario is to begin with the firearm loaded to a safe carry condition applicable to normal everyday carry.
- The firearm is to be presented from a holster that is securely attached to the person and which complies with legal requirements.

Controlled Scenario 2 (for semi-automatic pistol)

With five live rounds and one dummy round in the magazine, the pistol is presented and fired in a time of 10 seconds carrying out the immediate action drill (IAD) when necessary.

Notes:

- The dummy round may not be the first or last round in the magazine.
- Distance to target must be 7m.
- Any standing stance may be used.
- The target size must be A4.
- The scenario is to begin with the firearm loaded to a safe carry condition applicable to normal everyday carry.
- The firearm is to be presented from a holster that is securely attached to the person and which complies with legal requirements.

Controlled Scenario 3 (for semi-automatic pistol)

The pistol is presented and five rounds are fired from the standing position. A magazine change is to be completed and five more rounds are to be fired from the kneeling position in a time of 20 seconds.

Notes:

- Distance to target must be 7m.
- Any standing stance may be used.
- The target size must be A4.
- The scenario is to begin with the firearm loaded to a safe carry condition applicable to normal everyday carry.
- The firearm is to be presented from a holster that is securely attached to the person and which complies with legal requirements.

Controlled Scenario 1 (for revolver)

The revolver is presented from the holster and five rounds are fired, a rapid reload is completed and five more rounds are fired. All ten rounds must be fired in a time of 20 seconds.

Notes:

- Distance to target must be 7m.
- Any standing stance may be used.
- The target size must be A4.
- The scenario is to begin with the firearm loaded to a safe carry condition applicable to normal everyday carry.
- The firearm is to be presented from a holster that is securely attached to the person and which complies with legal requirements.

Controlled Scenario 2 (for revolver)

The revolver is to be loaded with 5 rounds in cylinder. The firearm must be presented from the holster and 5 rounds fired in a time of 8 seconds using a standing position.

Notes:

- Distance to target must be 7m.
- Any standing stance may be used.
- The target size must be A4.
- The scenario is to begin with the firearm loaded to a safe carry condition applicable to normal everyday carry.
- The firearm is to be presented from a holster that is securely attached to the person and which complies with legal requirements.

Controlled Scenario 3 (for revolver)

The revolver is to be presented from the holster and 5 rounds are to be fired from the standing position. A rapid reload is then completed and 5 more rounds are fired from a kneeling position. All 10 rounds are to be fired within a time of 25 seconds.

Notes:

- Distance to target must be 7m.
- Any standing stance and kneeling may be used.
- The target size must be A4.
- The scenario is to begin with the firearm loaded to a safe carry condition applicable to normal everyday carry.
- The firearm is to be presented from a holster that is securely attached to the person and which complies with legal requirements.

SPECIFIC OUTCOME 4

Demonstrate knowledge of handgun use under adverse conditions.

OUTCOME RANGE

Adverse conditions must include the following:

- Awareness strategies to reduce stress.
- Low light shooting.
- Risk assessment.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 1

An awareness strategy is described in order to limit the effects of adrenaline on the human body.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

"Awareness strategy" must be described with the use of color codes, or the Observation, Orientation, Decision and Action (OODA loop) system or a similar concept.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 2

Principles of low light shooting are explained to ensure that targets are identified and targets are acquisitioned.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Target acquisition refers to aligning the firearm with the target.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 3

The use of handgun and torch technique is demonstrated in accordance with prescribed methods.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION 4

A function check is carried out on equipment in order to ensure that it is fit for purpose.

ASSESSMENT CRITERION RANGE

Fit for purpose will include, safe, functional, reliable and in accordance with legal requirements.

UNIT STANDARD ACCREDITATION AND MODERATION OPTIONS

- An individual wishing to be assessed (including through RPL) against this Unit Standard may apply to an assessment agency, assessor or provider institution accredited by the relevant ETQA, or an ETQA that has a Memorandum of Understanding with the relevant ETQA.
- Anyone assessing a learner against this Unit Standard must be registered as an assessor with the relevant ETQA or with an ETQA that has a Memorandum of Understanding with the relevant ETQA.
- Any institution offering learning that will enable achievement of this Unit Standard or assessing this Unit Standard must be accredited as a provider with the relevant ETQA or with an ETQA that has a Memorandum of Understanding with the relevant ETQA.
- Moderation of assessment will be conducted by the relevant ETQA at its discretion.

UNIT STANDARD ESSENTIAL EMBEDDED KNOWLEDGE

- Parts and functions of ammunition.
- Parts and functions of handguns.
- Safe handling of handguns in various environments.
- Use of safety equipment and range rules where applicable.

UNIT STANDARD DEVELOPMENTAL OUTCOME

N/A

UNIT STANDARD LINKAGES

N/A

Critical Cross-field Outcomes (CCFO):

UNIT STANDARD CCFO IDENTIFYING

Identify and solve problems: Related to conditions for using the firearm and dealing with malfunctions and obstructions under adverse conditions.

UNIT STANDARD CCFO ORGANIZING

Organise and manage oneself and one`s activities responsibly and effectively: The handling and use of a firearm requires self-organisation and management.

UNIT STANDARD CCFO SCIENCE

Use science and technology effectively and critically: Related to the use of firearms as a technology.

UNIT STANDARD CCFO DEMONSTRATING

Understand the world as a set of inter-related parts of a system: Related to safety and safe handling of firearms and ammunition.

UNIT STANDARD CCFO CONTRIBUTING

Contribute to the full development of oneself.

UNIT STANDARD ASSESSOR CRITERIA

Any assessor assessing against this unit standard, must be registered as a subject matter expert at the relevant ETQA in respect of firearm training. Due to the nature of the activity it is essential that all assessors prove that they are capable of successfully completing the practical components of this unit standard, before being registered as assessors.

UNIT STANDARD NOTES

N/A

QUALIFICATIONS UTILISING THIS UNIT STANDARD:

	ID	QUALIFICATION TITLE	LEVEL	STATUS	END DATE
Core	50480	Further Education and Training Certificate: Firearm Training	Level 4	Registered	2009-11-16

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